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Please find enclosed for filing Applicants' Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

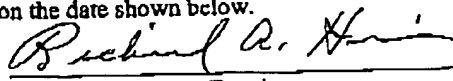
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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed April 21, 2005, the Applicants submit the remarks and arguments provided herein.

The Claims as currently pending are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this submission.

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